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[illegible], Dec. 24, 1872.

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CARL SASSE

Scientific Courtship.

Young Molly met Christopher down by the farm
With his analysis
And his catalysis
And his dialysis.
What could he do there?
He came down to woo there,
He came down to sue there,
To bill and to coo there,
Not to fill all her soul with alarm.

Oh! science, 'tis thus that a fair maid you win,
With parthenogenesis
And abiogenesis
And heterogenesis
And other such things;
For love, he has wings
And with him he brings
Full many such things
In the ears of [illegible] to die.

Young Christopher came with his finest brochures,
On trilobites
And troglodytes,
Theodolites
And such delights,
And he said, my dear, these are yours,
Yes, they're yours.
Love may come and love may go,
Science endures.

The heart is a stubborn thing.
And conical in shape;
A remnant which with us we bring
From our ancestral ape.
It drives the blood to Molly's cheeks,
She opens her ruby lips and speaks,
Her mitral valve plays
In the wildest of ways;
Her columnæ carneæ,
Gives her an idea
By the way that it acts;
And, accepting the facts,
She then and there agrees to become
The partner of his scientific home.

OUR HALLOWEEN.

"Can't we have some kind of a good time on Halloween, do something to remember this one particular night, for we shall never all be together again—something on the soul-harrowing, blood-creeping order, as befits the night!"

We were a merry party of schoolgirls, most of whom were already beginning to aspire to the dignity of young-ladyhood; but just where the dignity came in I fail to remember, for a madder, merrier set never waked the echoes in that old school building of M., or made the staid townspeople hold up their hands in horror at their wild pranks.

The time was close at hand when our band would be broken up, and so we wanted a remembrance of this last Halloween. Plan after plan was brought up, discussed and rejected. We were about giving up, as no two seemed to agree, when Belle Brown arose in her majesty and said: "I'll tell you, girls: all come up to our house, and we'll try having a supper. You know you are bound to see your future husbands if you give them something to eat. Not a hot supper, you know, but a real nice cold one; and if the spirits of our future spouses don't appear and devour everything, we can eat the supper ourselves, and manage to have a little fun anyhow."

Now, Belle's father was a widower, and she his precious only; consequently she ruled the house, the good and most fond father giving up to her wildest schemes with a gentle sigh of resignation that was touching to behold, especially when we all knew Belle got her love for fun and her great ingenuity for getting into and out of scrapes from that same father.

Now the rest of us made up our minds frequently to have certain doings and gatherings at home, but the making up of our minds and getting the heads of the house to make up theirs in the same direction were two entirely different things. So most of our plans for what we called a regular "train" were very apt to come to an untimely death. But when Belle arose in her might and grasped her scepter, we knew the thing was bound to go, whatever it might be. How we did envy that girl her unbounded power over her father and that deaf old housekeeper, who couldn't hear us if we pulled the whole house down about her ears! I don't think we meant anything very bad by it, but I don't believe there ever was any one so afflicted whose affliction was the subject of so much secret rejoicing and congratulation. You see, most of us were apt to be brought up rather suddenly in our mad career by the persuasive remark of one high in household power—"I will not have it. This noise must be stopped; it's enough to wake the Seven Sleepers." Few of us had much sympathy for the above-mentioned Seven Sleepers, and would a little rather have waked them than not. If sleep and death are so near akin, I think we were waking them in good old Irish style.

Belle, as mistress of ceremonies and hostess, arranged the plan for our frolic. It was to be kept a profound secret from all but the initiated. We were to assemble at her house, have as much fun as we could in the early part of the evening in story-telling and games. A table was to be set with a plate for every girl present. Our future husbands were expected, if they behaved as all well-bred spirits were said to, on that night, to enter as the clock struck twelve, and seat themselves, each one at the plate of that particular fair who was to represent all of hope, joy, truth, faith, and all the other virtues for his especial edification the rest of his natural life. If any were to die unmarried, that seat would be but a miserable blank.

I remember we spent some time discussing whether we should put our names on the plates representing us. Some thought that the spirits couldn't amount to much if they couldn't find their right places without such distinct pointing out. It was decided, after much talking, to use the names, as one of the girls said, "to prevent all mistakes and future heartaches."

The eventful evening came, and a merry party we were. We tried all the projects we could think of, even to bobbing for apples in a basin of water. As it grew later we grew quieter. It was a dismal night; the wind howled and moaned as though all the spirits of the air were abroad. The old trees around the house tossed their branches in the wild air, and moaned with loud complaining. Our table was most temptingly set forth with many a dainty. We looked at it with longing eyes, and it had certainly been arranged more to the substantial tastes of us mortals than the airy sort of fare that we are taught to believe specters prefer. I should think the poor, cold, half-starved things would be glad of any excuse to get a good solid meal.

The house sat rather high, with a long terraced walk to the front gate. It was an old-fashioned brick, with a wide hall running through the entire center and large rooms on each side. On one side was the family sitting-room, with the dining-room directly back. Here we held our court.

As the time wore on, our talk grew strongly tinctured with the supernatural. All the ghost stories we had ever heard or read were aired, to the shivering delight of the greater number, although some of the braver ones did pooh-pooh them, and say, "stuff and nonsense." We knew they only did it to appear brave. And oh, goodness! how the courage was slowly but surely oozing out at our finger-ends!

The household were all wrapped in the slumbers of the just. As the night wore on, everything grew so still, all sounds of life seemed to have ceased. Nothing to be heard but the sobbing and sighing of the wind through the trees around the house, and occasionally a louder shriek that sent little shivers of fear creeping over us. But we only huddled the closer together, feeling there was comfort in numbers and nearness. We began to grow exceedingly nervous and very quiet, for the "witching hour" was almost come.

Directly the old clock in the hall pealed out, the twelve strokes falling with a clear ring that cut on the still air. I think we all held our breaths till the last faint echo died, when one of the girls convulsively grasped my hand, saying: "What's that? Listen."

And we did listen. I know that no more strained, solemn silence was ever kept. Sharp upon the midnight air came the steady tramp, tramp of footsteps. Through the gate, up the walk, and slowly around the house they went. Another time steadily around, and yet another. The mystic circle of three is then complete, and as we listened with blanched faces and dilated eyes, the steps came upon the front porch, the hall door flew open with a crash, and tramp came the feet toward the dining-room. The door was flung wide, and, may I never gaze on such a hideous band again! Two or three of the girls had quietly gone off in a gentle little faint in one corner. If the rest of us don't faint, it was simply because we couldn't, for it would be the easiest way to shut out the horrid vision.

This band of demons, specters, goblins, or anything else you please, filed slowly around the table, led by one who had something like the head of a horse with the body of a man. There were ghastly grinning skulls and sheeted dead, and every horror one could think of. That we were not all turned to idiots by fright was a mercy. Some of the girls were in hysterics, some screaming, some shivering with fear. The fainters had decidedly the best of it, as they were blissfully unconscious of the whole scene.

This band of brothers paid little attention to the uproar of the frightened girls, but chose their seats, and deliberately began an attack upon what we had expected and rather hoped would fall to our lot.

The first to recover herself was Belle. "I say, girls, these ghosts eat uncommonly like men, and seem to have very human appetites. Stop that awful noise over there," said Belle to some of the screamers, "and help me attack these creatures, and see whether they are not genuine flesh and blood, after all."

Belle, with most praiseworthy courage, made for the individual demon who had selected her card. She threw considerable more strength than elegance into the manner in which she relieved that particular goblin of his outer wrappings, and, lo! he stood revealed, a most promising young doctor of the town. The sight of so well known a face gave some of the rest courage, and the gentlemen soon stood shorn of their ghostly toggery, and proved to be a set of young fellows whom we had always considered nice, quiet young men.

By this time, having taken much longer to write than to occur, the fainters consented to sit up, look interestingly pale, and altogether do the wilted lily business. I'm not sure we didn't all look pale, but would not like to be positive about the interesting part. In vain we besought the youths to tell us how they learned of our frolic. Tortures wouldn't wring it from them. The evening ended pleasantly enough, but we had all been so thoroughly frightened I don't think we would ever care to repeat the experiment. We were never able to discover who betrayed us, but always had a sly suspicion of Belle's fun-loving father.

Most of the actors in that scene are widely scattered. Many are dead. Bright, queenly Belle had one of the saddest of lives, short as it was. But she rests quietly now, and but few know the story of her short, sad life. Some of the party are happy wives and mothers, although I never heard of any of them marrying the one that chose her that eventful night. Most of us parted soon after, never to meet again. But wherever the broad earth may hold them, I am sure they must sometimes give a thought to our mad frolic on Halloween.—*Bazar.*

Questions and Answers.

What is the use of the steam pipe from the top of a steam dome on a boiler to the water barrel of the water gage? Is it to keep the water at a certain level? Answer. It is for the purpose of furnishing dry steam to the gage.

Is there a gain in power, in having the area of the sails of a windmill equal to the whole circle, over the old style of four sails? Answer. No.

How can I make a desirable cement for leather? Answer. The following waterproof cement has been highly recommended: Melt together in an iron pot equal parts of common pitch and gutta percha, and stir well. This may be kept liquid under water, or solid, to be remelted when wanted. It is not attacked by water, and adheres very strongly to leather.

Of what material are stove brick composed? Answer. Usually of a good variety of fire clay, well burnt. The clay consists principally of the silicates of alumina, lime, and magnesia.

What is the object of filling in between the framework of fireproof safes with cement or concrete? Answer. The cement, etc., is a very poor conductor of heat. If the filling were metallic, and the safe was subjected to even a comparatively modern degree of heat, owing to the good conductivity of the metal the books and papers contained in it, the safe would soon be converted into charcoal.

If a rope three hundred feet long when coiled up weighs one hundred pounds, will it weigh twice or more than twice as much if suspended from the scales? The argument originated about the ability of aeronauts to cause their balloons to descend by that means. Answer. It will weigh the same in both cases.—*Scientific American.*

How Alcohol Enters the System.

Again, when taken in by the more ordinary channel, the stomach, it finds its way by two routes into the circulation. A certain portion of it—the greater portion—is absorbed direct by the veins of the alimentary surface, finds its way straight into the larger veins, which lead up to the heart and onward with the course of the blood. Another portion is picked up by small structures proceeding from below the mucous surface of the stomach, and from which originate a series of fine tubes that reach at last the lower portion of a common tube termed the thoracic duct—a tube which ascends in front of the spinal column, and terminates at the junction of two large veins on the left side of the body, at a point where the venous blood, returning from the left arm, joins with the returning blood from the left side of the head on its way to the heart. It is so greedy for water that it will pick it up from all the watery textures of the body and deprive them of it, until, by its saturation, it can take up no more, its power of reception being exhausted; after which it diffuses itself into the current of circulating fluid. When we dilute alcohol with water before drinking it, we quicken its absorption; and, if we do not dilute it sufficiently, it is diluted in the stomach by the transudation of water in the stomach, until the required reduction for its absorption is effected.—*Popular Science Monthly.*

The Autumn House Cleaning.

She has got on a torn dress, hitched up at one side sufficiently to reveal an unbuttoned shoe; there are flakes of whitewash in her hair and on her chin; her dress is wet, her fingers are parboiled, and her thumb has been split with a hammer, but her eye is as clear and bright as that of a major-general on field day. She picks up a handful of skirts and skims through the apartments, seeing five hundred things that should be done at once, and trying to do them; and every time she comes in reach of the dresser, she snatches a look into the glass and shoves a fresh hairpin into her dilapidated coil. And thus planted in the *debris*, like a queen on her throne, she unblushingly asserts that "It's an awful job;" "Everything is in wretched shape;" "I'll be so glad when this is over;" "It does seem as if my back will snap in two;" "I'm a good mind to say I'll never clean house again so long as I live." And then her mind unconsciously soars heavenward, and she wonders if there will be a house-cleaning season there, and if not, how a heaven can be made of it. It is this speculation which gives her that dreamy expression when she is cutting your bread with the soap knife.

The Early Dutch Settlers.

The sturdy old settlers of New York, the primeval Dutchmen, from whom has descended so much of the wealth and respectability that now adorns the city, were a peculiar generation. Their houses were a model of simplicity. The white floors were sprinkled with clean sand, drawn into various figures by the broom. Large tables and high-backed chairs of walnut or mahogany, decorated with brass nails along the leathern back and cushioned seat, furnished the parlor "genteelly enough for anybody." Pewter plates and dishes were in general use, and it was a long time before they gave place to the china and earthenware that had been introduced into the city. They had no taste for the new-fashioned, fantastic novelties, and their shining pewter dishes, porringers, and tankards, which are still kept in some ancient Dutch families, are "a sight to behold." Silver plate, more or less, was to be seen in every household, and was preserved as an heirloom. Glass was but little used. Madeira was only used on great occasions, such as the birth of a child, a marriage, or a funeral. When a young man of any wealth was about to be married, the first thing was to import a pipe of the best Madeira, a portion of which was drank at his wedding, another portion on the birth of his first son, and the remainder was stored away in the cellar to be used at his funeral. Tea drinking was a great favorite among the ladies, although a custom of comparatively recent origin. A matron at that time would drink tea with her friends, return home by candle-lighting, tie on her check apron, put her children to bed, and then pass the evening in company with her husband, together with some friend or neighbor who might drop in to chat for an hour. Things have bravely altered since those days, and we are nearer no doubt by many years to the millennium.

Maternal and Paternal Instincts.

The very first lesson a parent has to learn is that whatever he attempts to teach he must himself first practice. Whatever he wishes his child to avoid he must make up his mind to renounce, and that from the very earliest stage of existence and down to the minutest things. In young children the imitative faculty is so enormous, the reasoning power so small, that one cannot be too careful, even with infants, to guard against indulging in a harsh tone, a brusque manner, a sad or angry look. As far as possible the tender bud should live in an atmosphere of continual sunshine, under which it may safely and happily unfold, hour by hour and day by day. To effect this there is required from the parent, or those who stand in the parent's stead, an amount of self-control and self-denial which would be almost impossible had not Heaven implanted on the one side maternal instinct, on the other that extraordinary winning charm which there is about all young creatures, making us put up with their endless waywardness and love them all the better the more trouble they give us. That is, mothers do. When I said "maternal instinct" I spoke advisedly and intentionally. Of paternal instinct there is almost none. A man is proud of his sons and daughters, bound to carry down his name to posterity; but he rarely takes the slightest interest in anybody else's children, and in his own only so far as they contribute to his pleasure, amusement or dignity. The passionate love a woman often has for another woman's children and for the feeblest, naughtiest, ugliest of her own, is to men a thing entirely unknown.

Thoughts for Saturday Night.

How weak a thing is gentility if it wants virtue.

God estimates us, not by the position which we may occupy, but by the way in which we fill it.

Rigor pushed too far is sure to miss its aim, however good, as the bow snaps that is bent too stiffly.

If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship, we must love our friends for their sakes rather than our own.

The whole universe is full of the majestic and awful reality which would stir the immortal depths of our hearts if we could once realize and feel it.

When we are least moved by heavenly love we sympathize least with human infirmities; so also when we are fullest of heavenly love we are most compassionate to human misery and best fitted to cope with the troubles and infirmities that beset us.

The Mutineers of the "Bounty."

The ship City of Calcutta, which arrived at San Francisco recently from Australia, touched at Pitcairn island, the abode of the descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty. It reports that the total population of the island at present is only eighty, and that this isolated community is desirous of cultivating business relations with vessels cruising through the South Pacific ocean in the vicinity of Pitcairn island, and is prepared to furnish any number of pigs, goats, and poultry and abundance of fruits and vegetables in exchange for bread, coffee, tea, paints, and other articles which they are unable to raise or manufacture.

Items of Interest.

To live long it is necessary to live slowly.

Half the discomfort of our life is the result of getting tired of ourselves.

They say that the partridges are remarkably tame this year, because they fly into churches. That simply shows how cute they are in taking refuge where the sportsmen never venture.

Two rival brass bands gave a competitive exhibition at Port Hope, Ont., the other day, and the people there say that rather than have the thing repeated, they'd welcome another Fenian invasion.

A little [illegible] year in a [illegible] reflection she answered: "Last year my sister was married; this year she has a baby."

A musician, George Sharp, had his name painted on his door thus: "G. Sharp." A wag of a fellow who knew something of music, early one morning made the following admirable and significant addition: "Is A flat."

A Troy couple who had been courting too long and didn't know how to bring matters to a crisis, had the difficulty adjusted the other evening by some male relatives of the lady, who "popped the question" to the young man with a pistol.

Theology is but a science of the mind applied to God. As schools change, theology must necessarily change. Truth is everlasting, but our ideas of truth are not. Theology is but our ideas of truth classified and arranged.

The English police have discovered that several shopkeepers have cards indicating their business and location, and that when a man enters a tobacco shop or saloon he may return to the street with one of these cards pasted, as an advertisement, on his back.

Deputy-Postmaster McGee of Carbondale, Ill., who was recently arrested for stealing $160 from letters, confessed that he had intended to take $500 and then leave the country. He treated his crime as a joke. His relatives, who are well-to-do, have refunded the stolen money.

A lifting match came off between two men at Eureka, Nevada, recently, for a prize of $200, the winner to be the one who could lift a fifteen pound dumb bell at arm's length the greater number of times. One man's strength gave out when he had raised the weight 1,130 times, but the other scored 1,144 without exhausting his strength.

Jones had prepared himself for a home dinner to his liking. He sat down in his dining room at peace with all the world, and said: "Now, Hannah, bring the cold mutton. No hot meat for me this weather." Hannah hesitated for a minute and said: "But I done give it away, sir." "Give it away! Give my dinner away!" "Yes, sir. You said if any tramps called I was to give them the cold shoulder."

A San Francisco doctor named Flattery, who had the editor of the *News Letter* arrested for calling him a quack, gave a ridiculous exhibition of ignorance on the witness stand. When asked what the *scabies septennis* was, he answered: "A bone," and made other blunders equally amusing. The editor was discharged, and Flattery was committed for perjury and contempt of court.

A Wife's Vengeance.

A drunken woman performed an extraordinary surgical operation upon her husband in Cincinnati. Both were under the influence of liquor at the time, and had been on a spree all day, which finally resulted in a terrible fight. The woman received a bad beating, and, infuriated beyond reason by drink, planned and executed a most diabolical revenge. She first induced her spouse to go to bed, and then, procuring some chloroform, saturated a handkerchief and held it to his nostrils till he was entirely unconscious. She next procured an old carpenter's saw and soon had one of the man's legs off a little above the ankle joint. With grim satisfaction she watched his life blood ooze away, but was aroused from her reveries by some neighbors, who, seeing the situation at a glance, tied up the bleeding member, the man remaining unconscious all the time. He was taken to a hospital, and is not expected to live. The female fiend has been arrested and is now lodged in jail.

Something to Care For.

A good story is lately current of a Hartford clergyman who is famous for his manly, earnest good fellowship. He was traveling on the cars, on the New York and New Haven road, not long since, engaged in a pleasant chat with a friend, when he was repeatedly annoyed by a drunken bummer in the seat in front, who persisted in attempting to engage him in conversation. At last, wearied beyond endurance, the clergyman arose, and, turning the man sharply away from him, said: "You are drunk, and I don't wish to hear or see anything more of you." The bummer sank into silence for a moment, and then once more turned, and, gazing reproachfully at the clergyman, exclaimed, so as to be heard nearly the whole extent of the car by the passengers, whose attention had been directed that way: "Mr. T——, 'pears to me you don't care anything at all 'bout my soul."

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"There's Many a Slip, &c."

It is discovered that a man may be fairly and squarely elected by the people to an office, without contest or question, and yet debarred from accepting the office. C. S. King, who was duly elected Sheriff of McKean county at the last general election, cannot take the office from the fact, as has been discovered within the last few days, that there was no legal election for Sheriff. When the office of Sheriff became vacant by the death of Sheriff Powell. Thos. King was appointed by the Governor, as was supposed, to fill the vacancy until the end of Powell's original term (the 1st of next January 1876) when the Sheriff elected at the late election would be duly qualified. When his commission arrived it was observed that it read until the end of the next Legislature, but it excited no particular remark at the time. A few days ago the attention of lawyer H. King was called to it and he took the trouble to look into the matter. He discovered the following paragraph in the statement of the powers of the Executive, in the new Constitution, Article IV, Section 8, which reads so plain that there seemed no necessity of any farther examination. The paragraph reads as follows, the italics and small capitals being our own:

"He shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen during the recess of the Senate, in the office of Auditor General, State Treasurer, Secretary of Internal Affairs or Superintendent of Public Instruction, in a judicial office, or in any other elective office which he is or may be authorized to fill; if the vacancy shall happen during the session of the Senate, the Governor shall nominate to the Senate, before their final adjournment, a proper person to fill said vacancy; but in any such case of vacancy, in an elective office, a person shall be chosen to said office at the next general election, *unless the vacancy shall happen within three calendar months immediately preceding such election, in which case the election for said office shall be held at the* SECOND SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION.")

This is as plain as a pike-staff, explicit and final. The present appointee to, the office, Thos. King, is legally entitled to hold it until January 1, 1877. The late election, as regards the Sheriffalty is null and void. It cannot but seem very strange, that, with so many learned legal gentlemen and legislators as this county is blessed, this plain and prominent provision of the Constitution so directly applicable to the case in question, should be overlooked until after the trouble and expense of a contest for a prize that was sure to wither in the hands of the winner. We think it is in order to suggest that the School Directors of McKean county hereafter require that the study of the State Constitution constitute one of the regular branches of study in our common schools, and that no candidate for legal honors be admitted to the bar until he can repeat said Constitution both forward and backward, and by promiscuous sections.

It is certainly too bad that both Mr. King and Mr. Melvin should have been induced unwittingly to undertake the labor and expense of a contest for an office which was not legally accessible to either. But Mr. Melvin's case is by no means so deserving of sympathy as Mr. King's. The former has nothing to gain or lose by the discovery of the error. He was fairly beaten at the polls, and was out of the field in any case. On a closely contested canvass and by a full and fair vote Mr. King was declared the choice of the people of McKean county for the office of Sheriff. It is a foundation principle of the government of the country that the people shall elect their own officers, and that the will of the majority is law. C. S. King is therefore fairly and justly entitled to the office of Sheriff for the next three years. But the organic law of the State steps in and deprives him of his office that he has fairly won, and the people of the just expression of their will. But if it is the law it is all right, and we have only to submit with the best grace possible. It is not surprising that Mr. King's disappointment is bitter and painful, and we have a very poor opinion of the character of that man, whatever his politics, who will chuckle over this unfortunate turn of affairs because it deprives C. S. King of the fruits of his victory. For once we will read the editorial remarks of our local cotemporary of this week with some interest, and shall be agreeably and happily disappointed if our neighbor is sufficiently just and generous to express a manly sympathy for an unfortunate political opponent. Surely they of the opposition have little reason for self congratulation. Their defeat at the polls is by no means blotted out, and they gain nothing in the present turn of affairs.

It would not be surprising if the present Sheriff, Thos. King, should feel somewhat elated. He has surely a right to. By a turn of fortune entirely unforeseen, he will hold the office one year longer than he anticipated when he consented to fill the vacancy. It is one thing worthy of congratulation that under his control the administration of the office will not suffer in the least, though he is not the *King* whom we expected to crown.

Election Frauds.

It is a remarkable fact that no party cries out more lustily against election frauds than the Democratic party, and yet that whatever election frauds are detected are almost invariably traced to that party. The Democratic screechers point to Philadelphia as a hotbed of election frauds, and yet it is notorious that the only election frauds ever judicially detected and exposed in that city were committed by the Democrats and for the purpose of counting in Democratic candidates.

We have, now, a fresh instance of this in Montgomery county. The returns as filed in the Prothonotary's office elected the Democratic candidates for Recorder by one majority; but a scrutiny of the ballot boxes showed that, a Democrat had voted two tickets in one, and that *both* had been counted in defiance of law, which requires that both should be rejected. This was sufficient to turn the scale in favor of the Republican candidate; but upon counting the votes in another ballot box it was found that the vote for the Republican candidate was returned at five *less* than he actually received, while the vote for the Democratic candidate was returned at four *more*.

In both these cases the fraud was deliberate, and was practiced on purpose to cheat the Republican candidate out of his election. It failed through exposure of it: but the fraudulent intention was too plain for doubt.

Luzerne county furnishes another illustration. The majority for Pershing, as originally returned, was put down at 1,406; but the frauds detected by the court, in canvasing the returns. cut down the majority to 1,110, showing a fraudulent Democratic vote of 294. The object of this fraud was not to elect Pershing, but to help a Democratic candidate for a county office through. It was accomplished, not by the return judges, but by altering the returns after they reached the Prothonotary who it need hardly be said, is a Democrat, and it is likewise unnecessary to add that, when a warrant was sued out for his arrest he was not to be found. The Scranton *Republican* thus details the facts:

"It has been proven that election returns, officially filed in the Prothonotary's office, had been altered, changed, false and forged papers substituted for the genuine ones, and frauds promiscuously perpetrated in the interest of defeated Democratic candidates. Dr. Samuel W. Trimmer is the the custodian of the Prothonotary's office, and he is the man who must be held responsible for these stupendous outrages. He is an officer of the court, sworn to do his duty; how has he discharged one of the most sacred and important of these duties? When the election returns were filed in his office, they became a part of the records of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne county. After they had assumed this sacred character, some of the returns were falsified, others were abstracted and forged ones substituted, while still others were tampered with in various ways, all for the purpose of counting in candidates whom the people had repudiated at the ballot-box. This infamous crime has been in a measure defeated by the action of the court, in throwing out of the count such of the fraudulent votes as have been conclusively proven. It has been proven that in the south district of Blakely township one hundred votes, cast for each of the candidates on the labor ticket, were in the returns taken *from* those candidates and added to Duffy, Campbell, Jennings and the rest of the candidates on the Democratic ticket. In the third district of the Twelfth ward of Scranton, just one hundred votes more than were polled were returned for the Democratic candidates. The returns from Old Forge were raised thirty votes; those of Spring Brook ten; those from Fell ten; those from Union ten. This much has been proven and the court has changed the count accordingly. As the count has been corrected and officially promulgated by the court Mr. Kaiser, the Republican candidate for Recorder, is elected by eleven majority: Mr. McNeish's majority has been about doubled, and the majority for the Democratic State ticket has been somewhat decreased, as has also that of the few Democrats of the county ticket who are elected."

The purpose of these frauds has, it is true, been baffled; but the fact remains that they were perpetrated, and that they were committed by Democrats to help Democrats into office. This is a part of the "reform" to which the Democracy would fain introduce us; and from all such "reform" may the good Lord deliver us.

THE Philadelphia *Times* has a libel suit on hand.

SENATOR FENTON for the better preservation of his health, will pass the winter in Florida.

CARL SCHURZ has decided to shake off an allegiance to Missouri and take up a residence in New York city.

PERSHING is too much occupied on the bench, to know that an election has just been held in Pennsylvania.

THE Republican Legislature of New York elected this fall will govern the apportionment of that State for the next ten years.

THERE is hardly a grease spot left of Democracy out in Kansas. At the recent election the Republicans carried all the counties in the State except three.

IN the Massachusetts Legislature the Republicans have a majority of one hundred and forty-nine on joint ballot, a gain of *seventy-one* over last year.

THE "savage" Cherokee Government has abolished the use of the whipping-post. The "civilized" Government of Democratic Delaware has not.

Cheap enough. To collect the internal revenue for the fiscal year recently closed cost about two per cent. of the amount collected.

A Berks county girl, only twelve years old, rises daily at 4 A. M., milks thirteen cows, and prepares breakfast for the family. Her hair isn't "banged," and she doesn't wear a one-legged dress.

THE complete returns from Massachusetts have some interesting features. They stand as follows: Rice, 83,523; Gaston, 78,246; Baker, 8,965 Adams, 1,774; Phillips, 301. It will be noticed that Charles Francis Adams, although not a candidate, received 1,774 votes: while Wendell Phillips, who was a candidate, only got 391. The gallant Adams party are, like Sam Bowles, in favor of Adams forever—and for everything.

THE *World* should rank high as a prophet. Just one week before the election it said:

"Now the facts are: 1. That every competent politician of either party in this City, where information is accessible and by this date in the canvass pretty well collected and condensed, knows perfectly well that the opposition to Tammany was never so weak, distracted, and disorganized as now, and that every Tammany nominee on the County Ticket is absolutely certain to be elected; 2. That the Democratic State ticket is equally certain to be elected by an increased majority over the 50,000 majority of last year, and that John Bigelow, who has been the chief object of attack, will lead the Democratic majorities."

J. P. WENDEL,

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FINE GROCERIES

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PROVISIONS,

FLOUR, PORK, LARD,

SALT, AND FISH,

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TEAS.

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COFFEES and SPICES.

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC FRUITS.

And a variety of all other goods usually kept in a First Class Store.

Main st. Smethport, Pa.

Administrators Notice.

WHEREAS letters of administration on the estate of John Martin deceased, late of the township of Sergeant County of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate will make known the same to me without delay.

DAVAULT MARTIN, Administrator

Sergeant, Nov. 3, 1875.

Hotel for Sale.

THE BENNETT HOUSE,

IN SMETHPORT, PA., is offered for sale. This Hotel is located at the County seat of McKean County, and is the best hotel property in the county. It will be sold at a reasonable price and upon easy terms. Any one wishing to purchase a Hotel property will do well to examine it. For any further information, call upon or address the proprietor.

WM. HASKELL.

Smethport, April 2, 1874.

New Goods

AT

LARRABEE'S!

Having thoroughly refitted and repaired the store formerly occupied by Geo. L. Sheldon, I am now prepared to offer one of the finest stock of goods in the county, at the LOWEST CASH PRICES.

My Stock of

DRY GOODS,

NOTIONS,

HATS & CAPS,

BOOTS & SHOES.

CLOTHING,

HARDWARE,

DYE STUFFS &c.

IS COMPLETE.

I ASLO HAVE A FINE

STOCK OF

MILLINERY GOODS,

and in fact every thing kept in a country store. My motto is

Quick Sales, Small Profits, and Ready Pay.

Call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere.

D. C. Young.

Larrabees, June 2, 1875.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

For Scrofula, and all scrofulous diseases, Erysipelas, Rose, or St. Anthony's Fire, Eruptions and Eruptive diseases of the skin, Ulcerations of the Liver, Stomach, Kidneys, Lungs, Pimples, Pustules, Boils, Blotches, Tumors, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Ringworm, Ulcers, Sores, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Pain in the Bones, Side and Head, Female Weakness, Sterility, Leucorrhœa, arising from internal ulceration, and Uterine disease, Syphilitic and Mercurial diseases, Dropsy, Dyspepsia, Emaciation, General Debility, and for Purifying the Blood.

This Sarsaparilla is a combination of vegetable alteratives — Stillingia, Mandrake, Yellow Dock — with the Iodides of Potassium and Iron, and is the most efficacious medicine yet known for the diseases it is intended to cure.

Its ingredients are so skilfully combined, that the full alterative effect of each is assured, and while it is so mild as to be harmless even to children, it is still so effectual as to purge out from the system those impurities and corruptions which develop into loathsome disease.

The reputation it enjoys is derived from its cures, and the confidence which prominent physicians all over the country repose in it, prove their experience of its usefulness.

Certificates attesting its virtues have accumulated, and are constantly being received, and as many of these cases are publicly known, they furnish convincing evidence of the superiority of this Sarsaparilla over every other alterative medicine. So generally is its superiority to any other medicine known, that we need do no more than to assure the public that the best qualities it has ever possessed are strictly maintained.

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All kinds of Pictures taken—in clear and cloudy weather. E. L. BERGSTRESSER, the Agent and Operator at this Gallery, has had 20 years experience in the photograph business, and will warrant satisfaction to all who give him a call.

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ROOMS IN CHADWICKS BUILDING.

☞ The rooms will only be kept open as long as business continues good, therefore persons wishing work done should call soon.

ASSIGNEE SALE.

BY virtue of an order from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania: The undersigned Assignee of Ault & Cornforth, Bankrupts will sell at public sale, at the premises of B. F. Robbins, in the township of Keating, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on Saturday the 20th day of November, A. D. 1875, at one o'clock P. M., all the interest of said Ault & Cornforth, in the following described piece of land, held by contract from Byron D. Hamlin, and situate in Keating township, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, being part of Warrants numbers two thousand and fifty, and two thousand and fifty-nine, and bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at the South-west corner of lot formerly of John Keating, being a post on the east bank of Potato Creek; thence east by line of said lot, Three hundred and thirty four and two tenths [334 2 10] perches to a beech corner; thence south two hundred and twenty-four and one tenth, (224 1-10) perches to a hemlock corner: thence west one hundred and ninety four and thirty-eight one hundredths (194 38 100) perches to a hemlock corner, on the east bank of Potato Creek; thence northerly down said creek by the several courses thereof to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and thirty three and seven tenths (333 7-10) acres, with the usual allowance of six per cent. for roads &c; said land to be sold, for cash, and free from liens, except for unpaid purchase money, and subject to all contracts of Ault & Cornforth made before the commencement of proceedings in Bankruptcy for sale of said land.

O. E. HAVEN, Assignee of Ault & Cornforth

Smethport, Oct. 28, 1875.

S. R. Smith,

Dealer in

DRY GOODS

AND

Groceries,

At Hamlin Station,

Respectfully solicits a share of public patronage

Coffins and Caskets.

P. L. Webster

WOULD INFORM the citizens of Bradford and vicinity that he keeps ready made coffins, soft and hard wood caskets, etc., constantly on hand.

J. G. EATON,

DEALER IN

Heavy & Shelf Hardware,

OILS, PAINTS,

GLASS, PUTTY,

TIN & WOODEN WARE,

New Store,

Mechanic St., 2 doors south of Water

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THAT MAMMOTH STORE

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R. O. SMITH & Co. Olean, N.Y.

Is Now Full To Overflowing With All Seasonable Goods, At Lower

Prices Than Ever Before Heard Of.

OLEAN, SEPT. 30,1875.

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CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, AND

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SASH, DOORS, BLINDS,

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HOUSE MOULDINGS.

Dressed Flooring, Ceiling, &c.

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M. L. ARMSTRONG,

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WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, TOYS,

Also Agent for the

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Latest Styles of PLATED JEWELRY

SPECTACLES & EYE GLASSES.

GENT'S SHIRT-STUDS, SLEEVE-BUTTONS, RINGS, &c

CHARMS of all Descriptions.

SILVER PLATED SPOONS,

KNIVES, FORKS, CASTORS, FRUIT AND

CAKE BASKETS, BUTTER DISHES, &c.

All of which will be sold at bottom prices for Cash

Repairing of all kinds done and warranted to give perfect satisfaction.

Orders taken for any watch made.

SMETHPORT, PA.

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NEW GOODS at A. N. TAYLOR'S!
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Having just returned from the Eastern cities, where I have purchased FOR CASH the largest stock of goods of every description ever offered for sale in this county, and having purchased my goods at very much below their value, purpose dividing the profits with my customers. Always giving the best the market affords in Seasonable Dress Goods of the newest designs and of the best quality, at as low prices as can be found in Northern Pennsylvania.

WHITE GOODS FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN'S WEAR,

in new styles, of choice quality, and at low prices.

EMBROIDERIES OF EVERY NAME AND STYLE.

Too numerous to mention,

PRINTS Warranted fast colors, for 8c per yd.

Bleached Muslin, good yd. wide - - - - 10c per yd.

16-Bone Corsets, for .75 | 200 reversible shawls, at $2

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MOURNING GOODS IN ENDLESS VARIETY:

AUSTRALIAN CRAPES, BLACK ALPACAS, COBERGS, TAMISE & BIRETES CLOTHS,

FINE BLACK, BROWN, BLUE & SLATE ALPACAS AT 2 SHILLINGS.

A GENUINE GROSGRAIN SILK FOR $1 50 PER YD.

PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLA.

Our Notion Department

is full to overflowing, as well as all others, which can readily be seen by taking a peep inside

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is full, including all the novelties of the season. We have All Wool, warranted

GENTLEMEN'S SUITS, FOR $8 50. GENTS FURNISHING GOODS in every variety and style. Also the largest stock of *HATS and CAPS in McKEAN COUNTY.*

An immense stock of

BOOTS, SHOES, GROCERIES, CROCKERY, QUEENSWARE, TRUNKS, VALISES, DRUGS, MEDICINES, WILLOW WARE. CHROMO & OIL PAINTINGS, LADIES' HAND BASKETS, HATS, BONNETS, TRIMMINGS, FLOWERS, &c.

HARDWARE,

Including Nails, Iron, French, German, English and American Cutlery, Saws, Oils, Paints, Farming Tools, Fishing Tackling. ☞ Nails $4 per 100 pounds.

Canned and Dried Fruits, Flour, Pork, Hams, Lard, Trout, White Fish Mackerel, beside many articles too numerous to mention, all of which will be sold at the lowest rates.

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CAN BE FOUND THE BEST AND MOST COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF DRUGS AND Medicines, and all other articles usually kept in first a class drugstore.

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PAINTS, OILS, & DYE STUFFS,

SOAPS, SPONGES, BRUSHES, COMBS

Perfumeries, Pomades, Oils,

AND TOILET ARTICLES OF EVERY VARIETY. WE ALSO KEEP A LARGE AND WELL Selected assortment of American and French candies, Stationery, Envelopes, &c. ALSO

SCHOOL BOOKS AT BOTTOM PRICES!

OBACCO, CIGARS, PURE WINES & LIQUORS, &c. &c.

Prescriptions Carefully Prepared.

A CARD TO CLOTHING BUYERS!

We respectfully announce that our FALL AND WINTER STOCK OF GOODS is now ready for inspection. We have purchased an unusually complete stock of

MEN'S AND BOY'S CLOTHING,

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and everything pertaining to a first-class Clothing Store, and propose to keep our already well earned reputation of being the leading Clothing House in this section. Come and see us,

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The M'Kean Miner.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1875.

Local and Miscellaneous.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

— Pay up your oil stock.

— The beautiful snow has come.

— Save Fifty per cent. by going to Patterson's.

— The names of eighty-six towns in Pennsylvania end with "burg."

— John B. Gough will lecture in Olean, March 17th, Bayard Taylor, January 14th.

— Smethport Bazaar this evening at W. J. Milliken's. A pleasant time is promised.

— Hornellsville has pumpkin pie festivals for the benefit of the church. What next?

— There are 900,000 women in Great Britain who want to get married and there are no men to propose.

— Horace Little has opened a new grocery and dry good store in Ridgway. He has our best wishes for success.

— Ezra W. Barnes, editor of the Wellsville Reporter, has been sued by A. N. Cole for libel. Cole lays his damages at $25,000.

— J. E. Blair, of Bradford, is in luck. It is reported that the Blair well has struck oil to the tune of 200 barrels per day. Good for James.

— C. A. Dolson, Esq., who it will be remembered was one of the lawyers engaged in the defense of Crow, has removed from Angelica to Elmira, N. Y.

— A Presbyterian church has been organized in Ridgway. The Democrat says the organization was effected by the election of Horace Little as Elder.

— "C. E. M's" account of his trip over the McKean & Buffalo and B. N. Y. & P roads was quite extensively copied. Better quit railroading and take up literature, Charles.

— Four Millions and a half of dead letters accumulate, annually, in the United States. Still every body keeps on writing, as if every letter was sure to reach its destination.

— The great shooting match between Horace Warner, of Ridgway, and G. W. Fowler, of Croton Falls, N. Y., came off at Jamestown as announced. It was a draw game.

— District Attorney-elect Cotter has purchased a lot of D. A. Easterbrook, and proposes, we understand, to locate in Smethport. What is Port. Allegany's loss is Smethport's gain.

— The Band boys gave Mr. A. N. Taylor the pleasure of a serenade a few evenings since, and he expressed his appreciation of their kind remembrance by the generous donation of a V to the band treasury.

— The chap who stole a harness from Geo. Barrett several weeks ago has been arrested for stealing hides in Olean, and is now lodged in the Ellicottville jail. The stolen harness has also been recovered.

— Next to a good advertisement in the Miner, we know of no better way of advertising than by placing a neat and attractive card of your business, neatly framed, on the wall of the waiting room of the McKean & Buffalo depot at this place.

— Prof. Fradenburgh, lately of Mansfield, is preaching in Cleveland for a salary of $3,000 per annum.—Wellsboro Agitator. Is the salary what the Professor preaches for? We supposed ministers preached for the conviction and conversion of sinners.

— We have had one of the new Crown coal stoves in our office for about three weeks, and after a thorough test are perfectly satisfied that there can be no better stove for burning soft coal for an office or store. M. A. Sprague furnishes them, and one can be seen at his store.

— While waiting for a train the other day at the McK. & B. depot we dropped into Agent Frank King's private office, or sanctum. It was such a cozy, comfortable den that we had almost a mind to remain and let the train leave us. Frank is as tasty and neat as a girl and full as handy to have around.

— It is said that when a certain McKean county lawyer wishes to go to Buffalo, he finds out what train Sam. Locke has charge of, and is sure to miss that train. Sam. does not relish the idea of being needlessly abused before a jury for simply doing his duty, and will not be likely to forget the "limb of the law," whose uncalled-for insults he was forced to endure.

— Someone has asked if it was Wm. A. Young who circulated that very mean story about Sartwell in Eldred township on election day, to which we referred last week. The gentleman making the inquiry cannot be very well acquainted with Wm. A. Young. It was not him. He is a Democrat, but an honorable man, and not capable of an act so despicably mean.

—The prospect of a $25,000 libel suit does not seem to frighten friend Barnes, of the Allegany Co. (N. Y.) Reporter in the least. He gives a column and a quarter of spicy reading to the subject in his last issue, and closes by assuring the plaintiff that he "will endeavor to persuade him before he is done with it that each particular hair on his blessed old head is a full brass band, and all playing 'Hail Columbia.'"

— In our remarks in our last issue concerning the strike on the jail we inadvertently did Mr. Bell an injustice. He informs us that so far from it being considered a disgrace on his part to be transferred from the foremanship to work upon the wall, he himself made the suggestion several weeks ago that when the force was reduced he should go to work on the wall to save the expense of one man. It would seem a useless expense to keep one man to "boss" three or four, and Mr. Bell fully realizes it, if the men who so foolishly organized the strike did not.

Council Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Borough Council Monday evening, the 22nd inst., to consider the necessity of ordering a side-walk on State Road street from Main to the covered bridge. Property owners interested are requested to confer with the Council.

Shut Down.

We sincerely regret that we have to announce this week that work on the oil well has been shut down, without finding either oil or gas in paying quantities. The only result of the labor and expense of the last four months is a dry hole 2664 feet in the supposed direction of China. We cannot commend too highly the enterprise, pluck and pertinacity of the gentlemen composing this company who have stood by this project to the end thereof. They deserved better luck. Some of them do not even yet appear discouraged or disheartened. They believe there is oil in this vicinity, although there may be none at the bottom of the "deep hole." There is some talk of organizing another company to sink a well in another locality, but whether it will result in more than talk deponent saith not.

Colegrove.

Not the least important station on the McKean & Buffalo Railroad is Colegrove. It is here that the Railroad Company have located their round house and machine shops, and although at present but a very small town there is ample room and every advantage in location for a thriving town. The depot agent, postmaster, and controlling genius generally, of this station is Wm. J. Colegrove, whose pleasant residence stands but a few rods from the depot. As a pecuniary investment, an improvement to the place, and an accommodation to the people of the surrounding country, he has recently built and stocked one of the prettiest country stores we have ever seen. It stands a short distance from his residence, on the opposite side of the road. It is 20 by 30 feet and two stories high. The lower floor is used as the store room. A portion of the upper floor will be fenced off for an office. Mr. Colegrove has the store already stocked with a full and sufficiently large stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Woodware and everything for which there is usually a call in a country store. He has bought all his goods for cash, and will therefore be able to give his customers the advantage of a large discount. Everything kept in the store is intended to be first-class, and judging by some of the prices given us we should say that they cannot be bought cheaper elsewhere. Mr. Clarence Colegrove will be associated in the business, and the firm name will be W. J. Colegrove & Son. We heartily wish success to the firm.

PORT ALLEGANY.

"Prodo" still lives.

Our village also survives the election.

The "Sartwell House" barn will soon be completed.

Sheriff Thomas King makes business lively now and then.

For a neat and well conducted store, inspect that of Arnold, McDowell & Co.

Two weeks since the election was thick enlog, now it is the mud that is doing that same.

Our village schools open on Tuesday, the 23d inst., with C. W. Watson, as Principal, assisted by Mrs. E. G. Phayer.

Our School Directors have erected two new school buildings during the past season, and endeavored to erect good ones.

The principal contractors and builders of this village are the Barrett Brothers. They are active and energetic men.

Our depot has been remodeled some, the beauty of its architecture was not spoiled thereby, as that would be impossible.

The store of Dolley & Snyder is now undergoing repairs, and Mr. Dolley starts for New York to-day, for the purpose of purchasing a large stock of goods.

None regret more than ourselves, the bitter personal abuse that has characterized the late election campaign. We fear that non residents of our village may secure a false impression of the moral status of our town. That there could be an improvement we admit, but that it is the worst place in McKean county, we will not admit. While we have not made, neither intend to make a personal opposition to license, we admit we have our share, but in our short travels we find that there are other towns that have as much drunkeness as ours, and many worse communities to live in than Port Allegany. PRODO.

Nov. 15, 1875.

— P. R. Cotter was elected District Attorney by the magnificent majority of 8, simply because his opponent did not want the trivial and troublesome office, and did not ask a man to vote for him or make any effort to secure his election. Yet Cotter imagines that he has achieved a wonderful victory and judging from some correspondence we have received from the lad, we should say that he also imagines that he now controls the Court and the Bar of the county.

— In reply to Mr. Mullin's testy card in the Reporter of last week, we only deem it necessary to say, if we say anything, that the mistake in the tickets was caused only by his being unfortunately possessed with two distinct cognomens. He is oftener called "Owen" than "Eugene," and we have not yet discovered which is his correct name, or whether, indeed, he has any distinct appellation or place among men. We can assure him and his disappointed friends that the error, if it is an error, was purely unintentional. We certainly had no particular interest in his success or defeat, and had hardly given the fact of his being a candidate a thought.

Probable Murder at Clermont.

Last Thursday the news reached this place that a resident of Clermont had died very suddenly, and under such suspicious circumstances as to give the appearance of foul play. From Dr. E. G. Brown, who was called to make the post mortem examination for the coroner's inquest, we gathered the following facts in the case.

The deceased was one Wm. McCullough, a shoe-maker by trade, who had lived at Clermont several months. He was found, as claimed by his wife, between 4 and 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon lying on the ground back of his house in an insensible condition, and died about 1 P. M. on the next day. The coroner's inquest was held the next day (Friday.) His wife testified that in attempting to enter the back door he fell backward off the steps, which were raised two or three feet from the ground, striking his head on a stick of wood, thus causing his death. Dr. Brown, after the post mortem examination, testified that there was a very extensive fracture of the skull, much greater than could be produced by the supposed fall and concussion, and that the deceased died of compression of the brain caused by a heavy blow. A Mr. Driscoll testified that he saw his wife strike him several times with a club or stick as he was attempting to enter the back door. It was also proven that he tried to go in at the front door but could not, and went to the back door where she met him with a club; that he had told some of the neighbors in the forenoon of that day that she had driven him out of the house with an axe; and in an upper room of the house an axe was found wrapped up in a bloody cloth. His wife claimed that he was drunk, though other witnesses testified that he was not. The burden of evidence seemed to indicate that he died from blows received at the hands of his wife. She was accordingly held to answer the charge of murder, and was taken to Coudersport Saturday evening.

The deceased was a man about sixty years of age, apparently. His wife appeared a considerable younger than he. They had one son, a little boy, and two married daughters. He was buried on Saturday.

That Sidewalk.

We devoted a brief space last week to the necessity of a sidewalk from the covered bridge to Main street. The walk is not built yet, and no business-like action has yet been taken in the matter, yet at no time in the year has the necessity of the walk been more apparent than during the last week. There is no need of urging any reasons why this walk should be built, for the reasons are so plainly apparent that it would be only a waste of time and space to enlarge upon them. The question is, How shall it be built. The subscription plan might be made to work, but it is tedious, unfair and unequal. The true way is to make the land adjoining the walk pay the expense of building it. In this way the walks on other streets in the borough are built, and why make an exception in this case? Let the Council order the walk built immediately, and we believe the action will be commended by every citizen, at least by those who have any business to and from the depot.

A Warning.

The public are cautioned against negotiating for three notes given by Mr. Walters to Mr. Leroy Young, two of $100 each and one of $38. adv 3—4t

— The father of lies, was the poetic name applied to the editor of the Miner by Hughes of the Reporter.—Potter Enterprise.

"The meanest and most impudent liar in America" is the plain English of the opinion that Barbour of the Miner has of the editor of the Port Allegany Reporter.

— The item in last week's Miner headed "Fathe er Dubenerable" has not the least foundation in fact, and is a sheer fabrication of the editor of the Miner, the acknowledged "father of lies," and we challenge him to produce a particle of evidence that there is one word of truth in the charge. What will not our venal and unscrupulous cotemporary resort to to belittle a political opponent?—Port Allegany Reporter.

That's it, neighbor, lie your way out of the scrape, if you can't get out any other way. But if there is no truth in our charge, why should you apologise, as you did, to a certain gentleman of Port Allegany for relating that grave-robbing yarn? Perhaps you will deny this, since there seems to be no limit to your mendacity and "cheek."

— "By G—d I am glad he can't get the office, after all" was the elegant expression of our District Attorney elect and probable future resident of Smethport, on our streets Monday. Some of our citizens have gained a new insight into the character of their coming neighbor, during his recent stay here of two or three days, and the prospect of the acquisition to our society does not look encouraging.

— Nashville has had a smiling contest, as an adjunct to a Presbyterian church fair. There were three competitors, young men, and a judge to decide which of them smiled most sweetly. Three trials were had, the contestants standing on a platform in full view of the assembly, with a strong light thrown on their faces. Louis Tillichet was the winner of the prize, which was the privilege of kissing any one of the girls attending the candy counter, where the prettiest daughters of the church were engaged. Here is an idea that could be made practical in Smethport. We have in our mind a few champion "smilers" among our citizens, and it would be worth something to see them smile their prettiest, but would suggest that in our case the competitors be ladies.

— The best posted men in oil matters say that in all their experience they never saw any territory as promising as the region now being developed in McKean county, Pa., and Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Every well that has been put down, with two exceptions, has yielded oil in paying quantities. There is getting to be quite an oil excitement in that region.—Wellsboro Agitator.

Desirable Lots.

The opening of Nelson Street has opened to the public and to market some most desirable building lots. Mr. Wm. Ramer has shown us a plot of certain lots that he will sell on both sides of this street, that are both eligible and cheap. He will sell a lot four rods by eight for one hundred dollars. This is certainly cheap enough, and they will probably be in good demand.

— Our friend District Attorney-elect Cotter is very much mortified because we mentioned his name in connection with the editor of the democratic organ as a relater of the story that C. S. King was a despoiler of graves. He talks very large about what he will do "through the Courts!" which is very pardonable in a newly fledged officer of the Court. We suspect, though, that the thing that rankles in his bosom is that he was called "the bosom friend" of Hughes. That was pretty rough, we admit.

New Patterns.

Mrs. Reynolds & Stanley, dressmakers, have just returned with all the latest styles of Fall and Winter patterns, and are prepared to do all work entrusted to them neatly and promptly. 49

"The Effect Was Magical."

It is astonishing how many people have their nerves in some way affected. They are "nervous," "cannot control their feelings," "rest poorly by night," "have the blues," feel as though "something dreadful was about to happen" to them or their friends, all the time affected with a sense of "impending danger," etc., etc., all of which point to temporary impairment of the nerves, which if not relieved, may result in an acute attack of some form of disease. No nerve remedy will benefit unless the system is at the same time cleansed and prepared for its action. That is the reason of the failure of most nerve tonics in these cases. It is also the reason Dr. M. M. Fenner has combined in one medicine his Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic, and it is the further reason that people who use it are enabled to write him like the following:

FREDONIA, N. Y., Jan. 15th, 1872.

Dr. M. M. Fenner—Dear Sir—I consider it a privilege as well as a duty to testify to the efficiacy of your Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic. For some time past I had been suffering from great nervous debility accompanied with extreme lassitude and low spirits, almost entirely unfitting me for business. I had previously heard your Remedy highly eulogized by some of your patients, and resolved to give it a trial. The effects was magical. From the moment of taking the first dose I felt decidedly better. Its warming influence was soothing, agreeable and invigorating. I have now taken three bottles and am entirely restored. I cheerfully recommend it to the thousands suffering from Nervous Debility.

Yours truly, A. Henry.

For sale by dealers in medicines, and A. B. Armstrong & co, agts for Smethport.

Citation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE HELD BY JOHN R. LEE AND NELSON K. HOPKINS, TRUSTEES CITATION TO THOSE INTERESTED TO APPEAR DECEMBER 20, 1875. } NO. 21, DECEMBER TERM, 1875

McKEAN COUNTY, ss

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to S G Austin, M P Bash, J B Hall, Geo Palmer, Theodore Butler, G N Burwell, T D Barton, Cadwallader Bull, R C Caryl, H S Chamberlain, Esten H Corning, Charles L Clark, S W Crittenden, A B Cobb, Henry Darr, Joseph Dort jr, Jane A Farnham, S D Flagg, Adam Good, M C Haight, L Hadley, P Hemlich, jr., Wm A Hart, A A Howard, J C Harrison, Nathaniel Hall, Isaac Holloway, Thompson Hersee, N K Hall, Henry Kip, A C Kemp, P P Kissam, John Lay, H M Oliver, Jno T Noyle, A P Nichols, L H Pratt, G A Prince, Thos Stephenson, O L Prosbrey, Henry Roup, H W Rogers, Jason Senton, O G Steele, Thos Savage, P L Stern, Lerg Thomas Sully, Idem Thomas, K Timmerman, T P Thornton, D Tillinghast, C C Weller, Leonard White, I J White, E R Williams, James Wadsworth, Geo C White, Wm Williams, H G White; and to all persons interested in the real estate hereinafter described Greeting

Whereas John R Lee and Nelson K Hopkins, Trustees under a deed executed by Daniel Kingsbury and wife, unto them bearing date the 10th day of February, A D 1875, have presented their petition to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pennsylvania, representing to the said Court, that it will be for the interest and advantage of those interested in the following described real estate so held in trust by them, to wit. All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the townships of Bradford and Corydon, in the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows viz

Beginning at a hemlock tree at the south west corner of Warrant numbered 3421, thence east 586 rods, more or less, to the southeast corner of Warrant numbered 3421; thence south 326 rods, more or less, to the northeast corner of Warrant numbered 3416, thence west 582 rods, more or less, to the northwest corner of Warrant numbered 3416; thence north to the northeast corner of warrant numbered 4909; thence west 645 rods, more or less, to the northwest corner of Warrant numbered 4909; thence north 237 8 10 rods, more or less, to a post; thence east 545 rods, more or less, to a post; thence north to the place of beginning, containing two thousand acres, more or less, being Warrant numbered 3420, and the southpart of Warrant numbered 4908, that the same should be sold, and the Court has fixed the twentieth day of December next at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, for the parties interested in the said real estate to appear; these therefore are to warn you and each of you, to appear at the day and place above designated, and you shall be heard.

WITNESS the Honorable H W WILLIAMS, President of our said Court of Common Pleas, at Smethport, the twenty-eight day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

M A SPRAGUE, Prothonotary.
C. K. SARTWELL, Deputy.

Nov. 18, 1875—4t.

L. W. CRAWFORD use of W. H. MANDEVILLE vs. THE McKEAN COUNTY BITUMINOUS COAL COMPANY. } No. 32, February Term, 1875.

STATE of PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY of McKEAN, } ss.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU, Thos. King, that you summon The McKean County Bituminous Coal Co. so that they be and appear before our Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Smethport, in and for said County, on the 4th Monday of February next, to answer L. W. Crawford use of W. H. Mandeville, in a plea of Assumpsit. Damages claimed $10,000. And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable H. W. Williams, President of our said Court, this 28th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

M A SPRAGUE,
Proth'y.
per D. Quackenbush, Dep'y.

I certify the above and foregoing to be true copy of the original writ in my hands.
Attest: THOS. KING, Sheriff.

Petition.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PETITION will be presented at the next session of the Legislature for the passage of a law reinstating the Commissioners of the Big Level State Road, long enough to collect present taxes, pay up indebtedness and settle up accounts.

For the Commissioners, W. S. OVIATT.

Nov. 4, 1875.

Railroad Time Tables.

McKEAN & BUFFALO R. R.

GOING NORTH.

STATIONS.	Accom.	Express.
Clermont	6.50 a m	2.15 p m
Wernwag	6.58	2.23
Hamlin	7.14	2.37
Colegrove	7 20	2.42
Crosby	7.24	2.47
Smethport	7.50	3.03
Farmers Val.	8.12	3.17
Frisbees	8.20	3.27
Larrabees	8.30 a m	3.37 p m

GOING SOUTH.

STATIONS.	Accom.	Express,
Larrabee	11.28 a m	9.00 p m
Frisbees	11.38	9.08
Farmers Val.	11 52	9.17
Smethport	12.10	9 29
Crosby	12 26	9.46
Colegrove	12.33	9 50
Hamlin	12 40	9 56
Wernwag	12.55	10.08
Clermont	1.05 p m	10.16 p m

S. V GODDEN, Supt,

BUFFALO, NEW YORK & PHILA. R'y

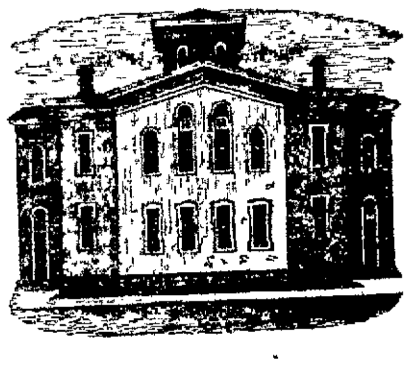
Going South.

STATIONS.	Mail.	Accom.	Express.
Buffalo	7 30 a m	8.30 a m	5 00 p m
Olean	10 25	3.50 p m	8.18
Eldred	11 12	5.32	8.55
Larabees	11.20	5 47	9 03
P't Allegany	11.42	6.30	9.25
Emporium	12.40		10 25

Going North.

STATIONS.	Express.	Mail.	Accom.
Emporium	3.30 a m	2 15 p m	
P't Allegany	4.35	3 18	4.35 a m
Larabees	5.00	3.40	5.25
Eldred	5.08	3 49	5.50
Olean	5.40	4.25	7.30
Buffalo	9.00	7.50	3.10 p m

H L LYMAN, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
J. D. YEOMANS, Supt.



SMETHPORT GRADED SCHOOL.

Present Term will close

December 3, 1875.

The Winter Term Commences

Wed December 22, 1875

J. W. Kales, Principal.

T. MULLIN, Jr.

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

WINES, LIQUORS, & SEGARS.

PORT ALLEGANY, PA.

SAW and PLANING MILL.

I WISH to give notice through the columns of the MINER that I am prepared to

Plane & Match Lumber

in the most approved manner, at my SAW and PLANING MILL in Bobtown (an adjunct of Smethport;) and am also prepared to

Saw Bills at Short Notice.

I only ask for a reasonable portion of the patronage of Potatoe and Marvin Creek Valleys.

L. Rogers.

Smethport, Sept, 9, 1875—tf.

PATTERSON.

ELGIN WATCHES
BOSTON
TIME

J. H. PATTERSON,

JEWELER

Having established a Jewelry store in the MINER Building would solicit the patronage of the public. All kinds of work done in the best style and at reasonable prices.

May 13, 1875.

M. A. SPRAGUE,

DEALER IN

HARDWARE

SMETHPORT, PA.

The following List comprises some of the many articles constantly on hand:

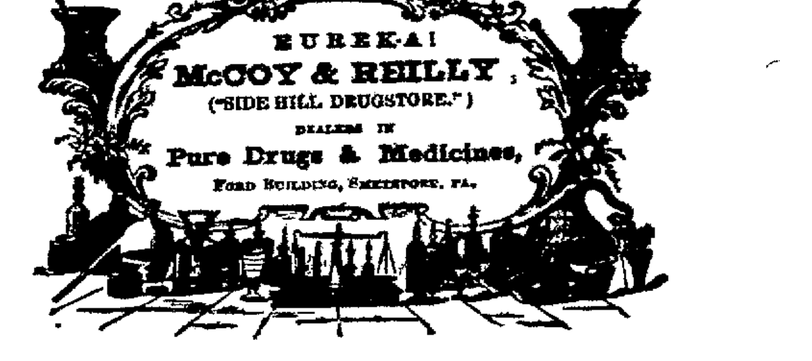
Adzes
Axes
Augurs
Augur Bits
Awls
Axle clips
Axle grease
Apple pearers
Barn door hinges
Barn door rails
Barn door rollers
Base knobs
Bath brick
Bed casters
Bell cords
Beef pounders
Bells
Bench hooks
Bench screws
Bevels
Bits
Blacking
Blind butts
Blind staples
Bolts, all kinds
Boot jacks
Borax
Boring machines
Brushes
Buckets
Bull rings
Butts, all kinds
Candle sticks
Cake turners
Calipers
Caps, percussion
Carpet stretchers
Cartridges
Castors
catches

Cattle leaders
Chain, all kinds
Chalk lines
Chalk
Crayons
Chisels, all kinds
Clamps
Cleavers
Clothes lines
Clothes wringers
Coal hods
Coffee mills
Corn cutters
Corn poppers
Crow bars
Curry combs
Curtain pins
Cutlery
Dippers
Dividers
Dog collars
Draw shaves
Egg beaters
Expansive bits
Faucets
Felloe plates
Files
Fluting machines
Forks all kinds
Freezers
Fry pans
Gate hinges
Gauges
Gimlets
Glazier's point
Glue
Glue pots
Grain sickles
Gridirons
Gunpowder

Grindstones
Gun nipples
Hammers
Hand vises
Handles all kinds
Hasps and staples
Hatchets
Hay knives
Hinges all kinds
Hoes
Hooks all kinds
Horse pokes
Horse rakes
Horse hoes
Iron all kinds—and Pinking, waffle and tuyere
Kettles
Keys
Knives
Lamps
Lanterns
Levels
Locks
Mallets
Match safes
Measuring tapes
Meat cutters
Molasses gates
Mop sticks
Mouse traps
Mowing machines
Nails
Oils
Oilers
Oil stones
Picks
Picture nails
Planes
Pulleys

Pumps
Plows
Rakes
Razors
Rivets
Ropes
Rakes
Safety fuse
Sand paper
Sauce pans
Saws all kinds
Scissors
Scoops, coal and grain
Screw drivers
Screws
Scythes
Sheep shears
Shot
Shovels
Sieves
Spades
Spoons
Squares
Stoves
Tacks
Tea kettles
Tobacco boxes
Toe calks
Tongs
Trowels
Tin ware, all kinds
Vices
Varnish
Wad cutters
Washers
Whiffletree hooks
White lead
Wrenches, Monkey
Wheel barrows &c. &c.

Also Agent for the reliable **Grover & Baker** S. M. Co.
Call and see late improvements, &c., on this machine.



EUREKA!
McCOY & REILLY,
("SIDE HILL DRUGSTORE.")
DEALERS IN
Pure Drugs & Medicines,
FORD BUILDING, SMETHPORT, PA.

To Our Friends and the Public:

WE would respectfuly and confidently invite your attention (not to the "LEADING DRUGSTORE OF THE COUNTY,") but to the

Side-Hill Drug Store,

where the

DRUG DEPARTMENT

is thoroughly assorted and extensively stocked. We trust the annexed will receive and repay careful perusal, our desire being to impart useful information, and to secure our share of the Public Patronage.

THE LADIES

Will find a large line of the **Very Latest Styles of Fancy Stationery**, and those of a "literary turn," however fastidious, cannot but be suited should they examine our large and complete line of

Miscellaneous Books, including works of the best authors. In **School Books**, we defy competition. Buying directly from the publishers, to supply our WHOLESALE TRADE, we get the VERY LARGEST DISCOUNT. Our stock of

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POCKET BOOKS, IMPORTED TOILET ARTICLES, &c.,

are sufficiently large to enable us to suit each and all in quality and price.

Trusting that by our untiring devotion and fidelity to the wishes and interests of our customers, we may succeed in enlarging and developing our business and pledging our best endeavors in behalf of our friends, and soliciting the patronage of those with whom we have not yet had the pleasure of a business acquaintance.

We remain faithfully yours,

McCoy & Reilly.

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At SAM. GUNZBERG'S.

WE have determined to make LOW PRICES LOWER. Our salesroom is filled with all the newest patterns and the best makes of the season. We have the most elegant

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to be found, and of which we will make a specialty this year. Also a fine assortment of

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Buying only in large quantities, to supply

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Youths, Boys & Childrens Clothing.

☞ All we ask is to call and examine our goods and weigh the extraordinary advantages we offer, and you will leave convinced that it is the best place to buy your goods.

Herman Cohn, Manager.

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Subpœna in Divorce.

MARY E. KELLY, By her next friend Wm. Talbot vs BENJAMIN F. KELLY. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County. February Term, 1875. No. 126.

The Respondent in the above entitled case is hereby notified to appear before the Judges of our said Court, at the Court House in Smethport, on Monday, the 20th day of December next, to show cause, if any you have, why a divorce from the bonds of matrimony should not be granted the libellant, agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

THOS. KING, Sheriff.

Smethport, Nov. 11, 1875—4t

J. G. PELTON,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

OLEAN, N. Y.

The finest cloths for Gents' wear constantly on hand. Suits cut and made in the latest styles, at reasonable prices, and a perfect fit guaranteed.

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Kitchen Garden.

Many of the directions given under this head last month, will be equally applicable now. Plow any grass land which is to be used for garden purposes, as spring plowed land seldom gives good returns.

Asparagus if not yet manured, should not be neglected until later, else there is danger of freezing. Cut off the tops and burn, to destroy the seeds.

Prepare cold frames and have them in readiness at once, for fear of sudden freezing. Cabbages and other half-hardy plants may be kept over winter in safety in them, and also any seeds which do not like much moisture during the winter.

The best plan for storing cabbages is to lay down two rails four to six inches apart, and then place the cabbages head downwards on them, leaving the roots exposed; then turn a furrow towards them on each side, and by the aid of the spade cover the head with four to six inches of earth; select a dry place where water does not stand.

Store celery in trenches a foot wide, and as deep as the height of the stalks; place the plants together without any earth between them, and cover with straw and boards, increasing the thickness of the covering as the cold increases.

Spinach will winter better if the bed is covered with a few leaves, or a slight covering of hay just before the ground freezes solid.

A small bed of lettuce planted in some sheltered spot and slightly covered, will give an early crop next spring.

Roots may be preserved in root cellars where one is fortunate enough to have one, or in pits in the open ground. Parsnips and salsify, if desired may be left in the ground until spring.

Clear up potato tops, melon vines, and the like, and burn the late weeds before any seeds have time to ripen; when left until spring, most persons are too busy to burn them, but rake them into the fence corners, where they serve as a nursery for every foul weed.—*Agriculturist.*

Domestic Hints.

Dr. Hall thinks the best and heartiest meal of the day should be eaten in the morning, and he adds: "With a good substantial breakfast no great amount of food will be required during the remainder of the day." From our own experience we should say that few persons eat as heartily in the morning as later in the day, and notably, the English, who are heavy feeders, consume a light breakfast. We fear the doctor's theory does not conform to general practice.

The *American Grocer* says: The useless labor of washing a half dozen garments, where one or two are all that warmth or looks demand, make a large sum when you take it from all the weeks and years of a growing family's life—a sum of money and strength which hard-working parents can badly afford to waste.

An old, reliable washerwoman says that the way she has retained her customers is by exercising great care and using the following preparation: Take two ounces of fine white gum arabic powder, put it in a pitcher and pour on a pint or more of water, and then, having covered it, let it stand all night. In the morning pour it carefully from the dregs into a clean bottle, cork, and keep it for use. A teaspoonful of gum water stirred in a pint of starch, made in the usual way, will give to lawns, white or printed, a look of newness, when nothing else can restore them, after they have been washed.

When pure, lard has scarcely any taste or smell: it should be of a pure white, not too opaque, firm but not hard. If when it is melted it spatters, it is a sign that water has been added to it when prepared. No deposit remains after it has been a second time melted. Any opaque bodies which float in it, or sink to the bottom, are adulterations of flour or starch.

A Simple Fruit Dryer.

For drying fruit and vegetables in considerable quantities, says the *American Agriculturist*, a regular dryer, or drying house is necessary, but those who have no regular apparatus can dry quite a large supply by using the heat from the stove when that is not otherwise occupied. An open oven, or the warm closet with which the better stoves are furnished, may be turned to good account, and by the use of a frame the drying capacity of a stove may be greatly increased. The size of the frame will be governed by that of the stove, perhaps about four feet square will meet most cases; it should be of one and one-half inch stuff; the legs four feet long, or sufficient to lift the frame well above the stove, and so arranged that they may be folded up and put away when out of use. The frame may be covered by stretching common wool twine from side to side to make a net-work to hold the fruit, but it is much better to cover the bottom of the frame with a piece of wire cloth, which may be had at most hardware stores. The capacity of the dryer may be increased by suspending a second and smaller frame below the first. The fruit or other material to be dried should be so far above the stove, or the fire should be so low, that there is no danger of cooking or scorching. With a very slight fire the drying will go on with surprising rapidity. Fruit dried by artificial heat is much better than when dried by the sun, as there is no risk of partial fermentation, and it is kept out of the way of flies and other insects.

Selecting Seed Corn.

Corn which gets fully ripe before the early frosts, is much better than that which is only about half matured. There are varieties grown which would be first rate if they were perfectly sure to ripen, but in short seasons they do not get well matured. But by selecting the seed in the lot, before the crop is cut, so as to make sure of getting the ears which ripened first, and following this course year after year, these latter varieties may be made to ripen before there is any danger of frost. We know a man who, by following this course many years, has caused his corn to ripen two weeks earlier in the season than it did when he began. He goes into the field when the husks begin to turn brown and selects the ripest ears, and as far as possible takes them from the stalks which produce two good-sized and perfect ears. These are husked, and put in a cool place where they will keep without heating. We recommend his example to other farmers as worthy of attention.

A Runaway Mill.

A singular occurrence took place at a cotton mill at Bollington, near Macclesfield, England. The machinery suddenly bolted like a runaway horse, and caused a general panic. It appears that from some cause the steam from the boilers overcame the control of the governors of the engine, and the machinery began in consequence to move at such a speed that the minders threw their mules out of gear, and by so doing precipitated the catastrophe they were trying to avoid. The rapid revolutions of the engine caused the fly-wheel to break in pieces, and one huge fragment dashed upwards through the floor of a grinding-room above, and then through the roof, coming down again through another portion of the roof. The other segments of the wheel were hurled through the walls, and altogether the building was wrecked to such an extent that the walls in some parts fell in, and the room above and the roof were demolished. A complete stampede took place among the hands, who numbered about one hundred and fifty, and they rushed out of the room in the wildest confusion. Happily, no lives were lost, but it is fully expected that the result of the casualty will be a three months' stoppage of nearly all work at the mill, the machinery of which it is to be hoped will be brought under some kind of control before it is put into action again.

The Remains of Prehistoric America.

Several years ago considerable excitement was created in Fairmount, West Va., by the discovery of traces of an old macadamized road extending along the right bank of the Monongahela, opposite that place. Recently the government engineering party engaged in the survey of the upper Monongahela river, with the view of slack-watering that stream from Morgantown to Fairmount, examined this old road, and from the members of the party the Pittsburgh *Commercial* learns that there can be no doubt but that this road furnishes another trace of the lost race that once dominated the continent long before the Indians came into possession.

There are traces of the road for nearly eleven miles along the narrow strip of bottom land between the hills and the river, though at many points the river, having shifted its channel, and cut into the hills, has entirely obliterated every evidence of it. Generally the road is covered by from two to five feet of alluvium, either deposited through the course of ages by the river floods, or else by the slow washing of the hills skirting it. Its width is said to be fifteen feet.

The most curious feature about the road is that the stone of which it is formed appears invariably to have been burnt. Whenever the road shows itself in the cutting banks, it is marked by the black substratum of ashes. In depth the broken stone varies from six inches to eighteen inches, of irregular fragments. The material employed appears to have been largely composed of bowlders of red sandstone, and the conjecture is that they were broken after being made hot with water thrown upon them. There being few (if any) bowlders in the river or adjacent country, the query arises, where could the material have been obtained to make this road?

At the crossings of the streams there are no traces of bridge abutments or piers, which leads to the conclusion that the streams were crossed on wooden bridges. At many points the road is covered with trees over one hundred and fifty years old, which makes it certain that it was constructed long before the advent of the white man; and that there are other circumstances surrounding the case which lead inevitably to the conclusion that it was made in those early ages when a semi-civilized people inhabited North America. No one acquainted with the habits of the American Indians would give them credit for constructing such a work of art as this.

A Deliberate Murderer.

The Kokomo (Ind.) *Tribune* publishes the following: David Robinson came to town and bought a new suit of clothes and a revolver, after which he went home, showed the purchases to his family, and ate his supper. Robinson was in good humor and appeared perfectly sane. He remarked to his wife that it would have been well if little Dan (his son) had died two weeks ago, and said he had attempted to kill the child. He then drew his revolver and fired at his second son, who was crying in bed, and then shot at his wife. Mrs. Robinson ran out of the house, and the oldest boy, eight years of age, started to follow, when his father shot him in the face, but the ball glanced off without wounding him badly. The father then struck him on the back of the head with a chair, but the son succeeded in getting out with his mother. Robinson then deliberately took a razor, approached the bed in which lay his only daughter, seized and cut her throat from ear to ear. He followed this murder by taking the life of his son, whom he had first shot in bed, in the same manner, after which Robinson jumped on his horse and fled. His dead body was found the next morning one mile north of Jackson station, on the Indianapolis, Peoria and Chicago railroad. It is supposed he committed suicide.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad.

The police of Denver (Col.) have captured an Italian harper who was present at the murder of the four musicians whose bodies were recently found in a deserted dwelling. He states that he played the harp while his five companions cut the throats of the victims......The damage by the cattle disease in England is put at $1,500,000.... The losses by the Virginia City fire are now set down at $7,500,000, which is believed to be correct. Help for the suffering is being liberally extended.. ..The Spanish authorities demand the surrender of the steamer Uruguay from the British authorities; but nothing has been decided as yet...... The Boston *Herald* has been sued for libel in the sum of $50,000 for stating that the Cardiff giant is a humbug ... Shocks of earthquake were experienced in Tennessee ..... Arrangements are making for a fast mail from Washington to New Orleans. It will pass through Danville, Charlotte and Atlanta. Passengers will save seven and one-half hours between Columbus and Washington.... The Agricultural department reports that the cranberry crop is short, sugar up the average, hops quite good, and hemp fine......Charles Gleason, one of the Grafton bank robbers, escaped from the Massachusetts State prison, where he was serving fourteen years' sentence. Although weighing over two hundred pounds, he escaped through an opening of nine inches. .. ..Leon Echardts, of New York, despondent of getting work, jumped from the roof of a five-story building, and died from the effects.

The people of Manitoba are pleased at the promise of better terms made by the Canadian government. Large quantities of supplies for the grasshopper sufferers have already been received . ...A special Berlin telegram states that the Imperial government is about proceeding formally to cashier Count von Arnim from the public service .. At a final meeting in Boston of the creditors of the Ames Plow Company, it was decided that the company should continue business. The creditors will either grant an extension, or the company will avail itself of the offer made to them by responsible persons, to furnish what ready capital is needed . . . Although the Chinese have granted the British demands, they are greatly dissatisfied that advantage was taken of the murder of Mr. Margary to force them to give greater facilities for trade. Additional disturbances on a small scale between natives and foreigners have been reported in various parts of China ... One-fifth of New York city's population are Germans..... A dispatch from Kansas City says a fight took place between United States troops and a wandering band of Cheyenne Indians, in which the Indians drove the troops and killed three men. Gen. Carr's command has left Fort Hayes by special train for the seat of war......New York State attorney-general has received a certified check for $530,435.94 from the estate of the late Auditor Watson, as the proceeds of the Tweed ring suits....It is reported in Vienna that the Turks have murdered sixty Christians in [illegible], a fortified town near the Dalmatian frontier ... Brigham Young has been ordered by the court to be imprisoned until the alimony of $3,500 is paid to his divorced wife. As Brigham is sick-abed, a marshal has taken quarters in the house.

Private telegrams from Montevideo say the restoration of peace in Uruguay is confidently expected, the revolution having practically terminated in favor of the government .... The iron-clad Magenta, flagship of the vice-admiral commanding the French squadron of Toulon, caught fire and ultimately exploded. All on board were saved . ... News has been received of the British expedition to punish the piratical natives on the Congo river for murdering English sailors. The entire squadron on the west coast of Africa was engaged, and sent boats up the river. Many villages were destroyed and a large number of natives killed. The English lost one man killed and six wounded . The Egyptian army has entered Abyssinia. The Abyssinians are retreating and offering no resistance . Extensive and destructive prairie fires raged in southern Kansas, along the line of the Fort Scott railroad. At one place, in Cherokee county, the ties on three miles of track were burned. The fire caught from locomotives, and at last accounts had swept over miles of country, destroying houses, fences and crops.... Government will sell $2,000,000 in gold during November, $500,000 each Thursday......The New York board of estimate and apportionment allowed the city estimates for 1876, amounting to $35,123,231.61 ... . In the great ejectment suit of Calhoun M. Derringer against Coxe et al., for coal lands valued at $4,000,000, a verdict was rendered in favor of Derringer at Wilkesbarre, Pa ....British iron-masters employing ten thousand men propose suspending work Nov. 13. .. Eight new American sloops of war are being fitted up for service. ... The Carleton cotton and woolen mills, in Philadelphia, worth $150,000, were burned; insured.

The Liverpool (Eng.) *Post* says that the new Texas cotton classes much better than the old, and quotations average a sixteenth higher. It is thought that Texas and Orleans quotations will shortly be identical ......Gov. Tilden has issued a proclamation appointing Thursday, the 25th inst., as a day of thanksgiving for New York.. ..Seventeen Canadians were drowned by the upsetting of a scow in the St. Lawrence. They were residents of the Isle of Orleans, and were returning from market at the time. A heavy snow storm was prevailing. .. The San Francisco National Gold Bank and Trust Company has gone into voluntary liquidation......Cincinnati is endeavoring to arrange an immense Centennial religious celebration for 1876......Earthquake shocks were felt throughout Georgia......The occupants of a New York city tenement called in the police to break open the door of a room from whence pistol shots had been heard, and upon their doing so they found an unconscious man and a dead body, each clutching a revolver in the right hand and having wounds in the head. The wounded man died shortly after, when it was ascertained that their names were Goldman and Jacobs, Polish Jews, who were formerly in partnership. They had evidently quarreled and settled the dispute by a duel......Several members of the Cathedral Chapter have given formal notice that they will submit to the authority of the imperial government of Germany ...... Lemuel T. Abbot, a farmer of Ossipee, N. H., killed his wife with an ax, nearly severing her head from her body. The act was committed in the heat of passion during a quarrel. He hung himself, but was cut down before life was extinct. He was arrested, and confessed the deed.

The *El Cronista*, of Madrid, announces that the king will take command of the northern armies in December......The population of India, according to the census just taken, is [illegible]......The shoe and leather interest of the country is to have a building 150 by 300 feet at the centennial ......A terrible fight occurred at Lima, Peru, between the partisans of Admiral Montero and those of Gen. Prado. ...... Burglars entered the First National bank of Pittston, Pa., by cutting a hole in the roof and letting themselves into the vault by means of a rope ladder. They blew open two spherical safes and stole $42,000 in bonds and securities......The *Pall Mall Gazette* of London, in a leading article, says "the English occupation of Egypt is only a question of time, as that step is necessary for the preservation of our Indian empire."......Shocks of earthquake were felt in California and Arizona.... The town of Iquique, Peru, was nearly destroyed by fire on the seventh ultimo. Twenty-four blocks of buildings, including the [illegible] in the town, were burned. The buildings as well as sidewalks, were of wood, which the flames consumed rapidly. Many efforts to control the flames by throwing sea water on several buildings were fruitless, as the soil was so impregnated with nitrate that the water only aided the conflagration. The loss is estimated at $3,000,000, on which there is no insurance. Much suffering was experienced by those burned out of house and home, but relief was being forwarded from Lima and other cities......Mr. Schenck, minister to Great Britain, has written a letter to the *Times* exposing the systematic sale in England of fictitious American university degrees. ......A band of insurgents entered the town of San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, and after wounding the governor, caused his resignation. The English vice-consul is temporarily at the head of affairs. Two American and one English gunboats are in the harbor to look after the interests of their countrymen.... 12,500,000 feet of lumber were shipped to the States from Ottawa in October.

Prussia has asked Austria to prevent Bishop Foerster, while residing in the Austrian portion of his diocese, from exercising any episcopal function touching the Prussian portion.... The English admiralty slave circular will be withdrawn and new instructions issued .... The arsenal at Rendsburg, in Holstein, Germany, was almost destroyed by fire. Forty thousand rifles were ruined. The total damage by the fire is estimated at 5,000,000 marks. .... The grand jury at St. Louis has found true indictments for complicity in the whisky frauds against Wm. McKee, of the *Globe Democrat*, and ex-Revenue Collector Maguire. They were placed under bail . The direct cable has been repaired and is now in working order. As a consequence, the old cable company has reduced the rates again .... By the burning of two frame shanties in an alley between 15th and 17th streets, in Washington, three colored children were burned to death. .... David Robinson, residing near Kokomo, Ind., fired a pistol at his wife, and as she ran from the house with her eight-year-old boy he fired again, grazing the boy's cheek. He then fired into a young son in bed, cut the throat of a daughter, and mounting a horse rode away. His body was subsequently found a mile or so off, where he had committed suicide. .. Three fishermen were drowned in Lake Huron by the swamping of their boat.

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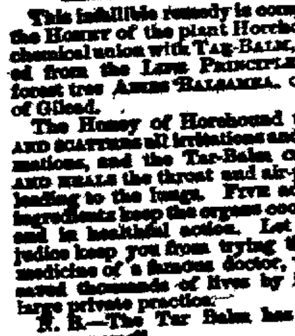

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